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the story...

As a result of the shock from Hibiki's withdrawal from the band combined with overwork, Shiori finally collapses. On the other hand, Ayano's actions become more extreme... towards Sakuta a certain desire begins to sprout... A musical story filled with beautiful adolescent love riding on the waves of J-POP!!

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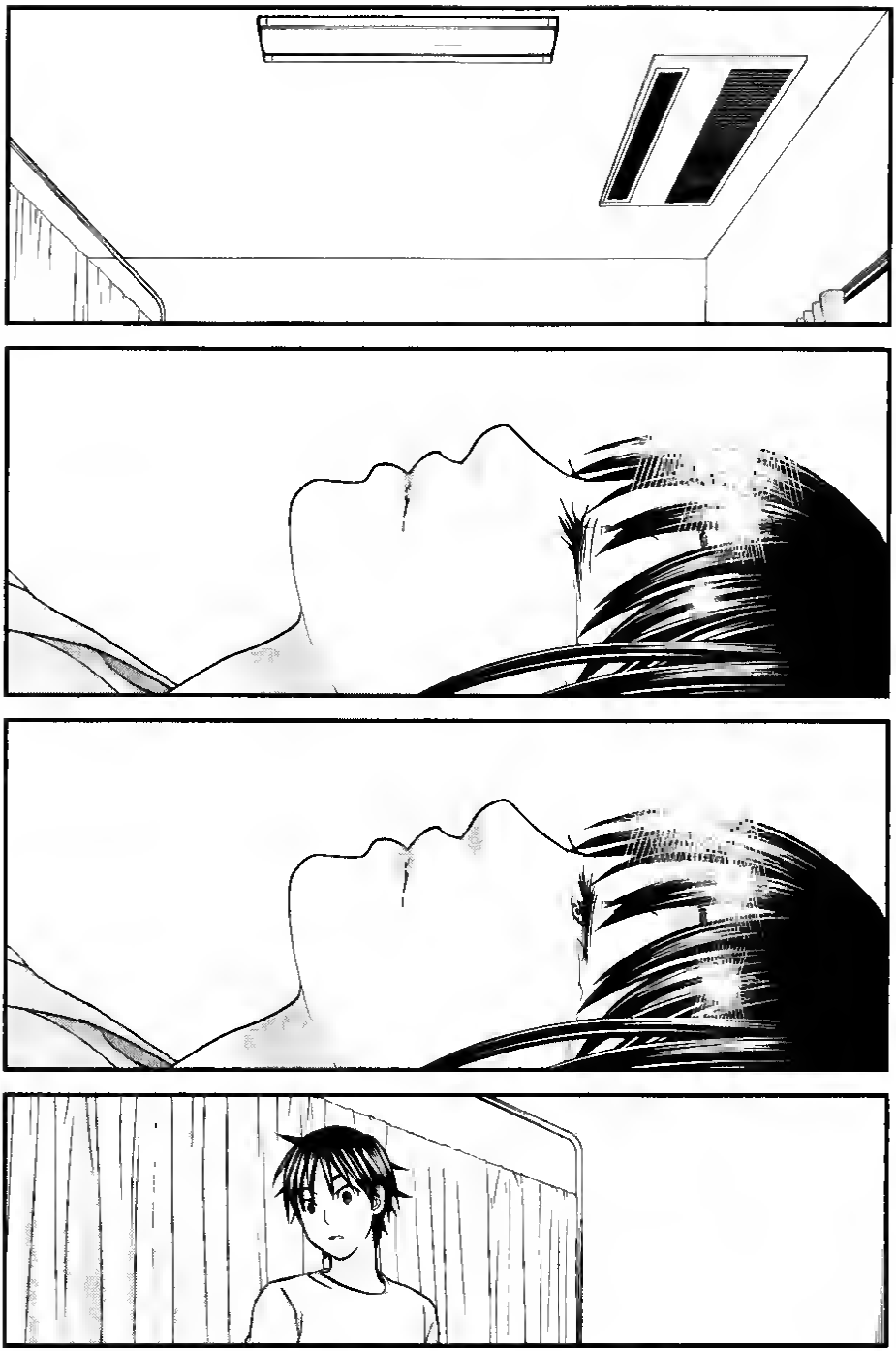
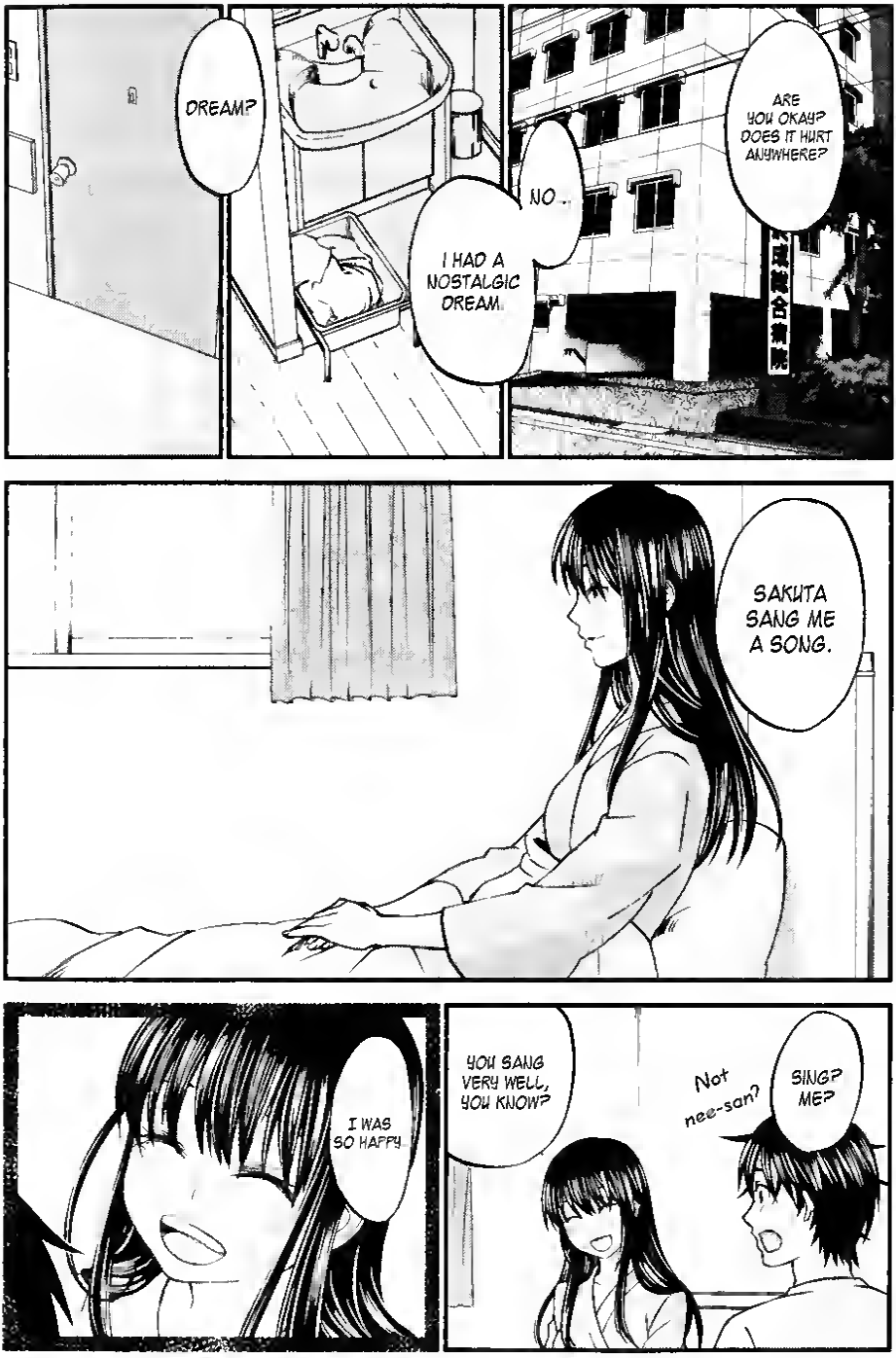
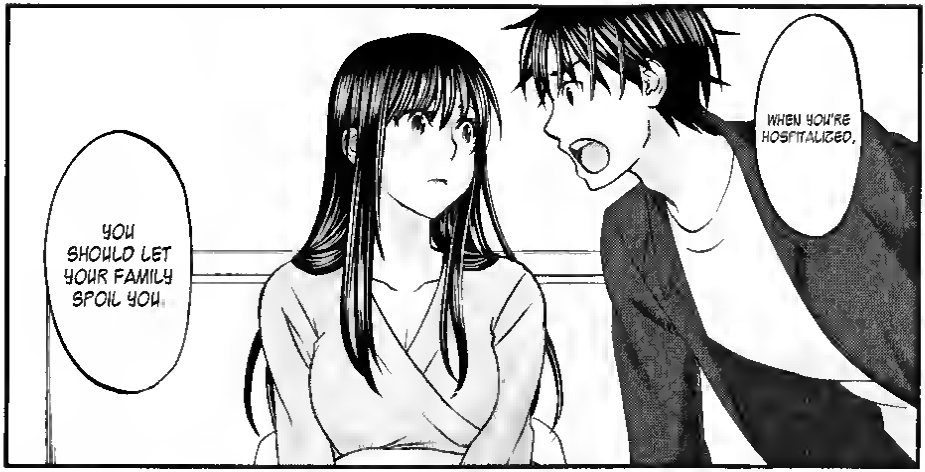



DREAM?
NO..
I HAD A NOSTALGIC DREAM.
ARE YOU OKAY? DOES IT HURT ANYWHERE?
SAKUTA SANG ME A SONG.
I WAS SO HAPPY
YOU SANG VERY WELL, YOU KNOW?
Not nee-san?
SING? ME?

BECAUSE OF THAT SONG,
I...
Aah!! sorry, your birthday!
It has already passed and I couldn't give you anything.
AH!
I GOT YOUR CAKE ALRIGHT.
THANKS.

Grrr
WHAT A RELIEF.
W-why? It was all messed up
EVEN IF THE SHAPE CHANGES A LITTLE, THE FLAVOR DOESN'T CHANGE
IT WAS DELICIOUS AND I'M REALLY HAPPY.
All I've been getting is the intravenous drip
I-it's fine, don't..!
SAKUTA HAS OTHER THINGS PLANNED TOO.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT? I'LL ASK THE DOCTOR TOO, AND GO BUY SOMETHING.
NEE-SAN!


WHEN YOU'RE HOSPITALIZED,
YOU SHOULD LET YOUR FAMILY SPOIL YOU.

T-then,
peach
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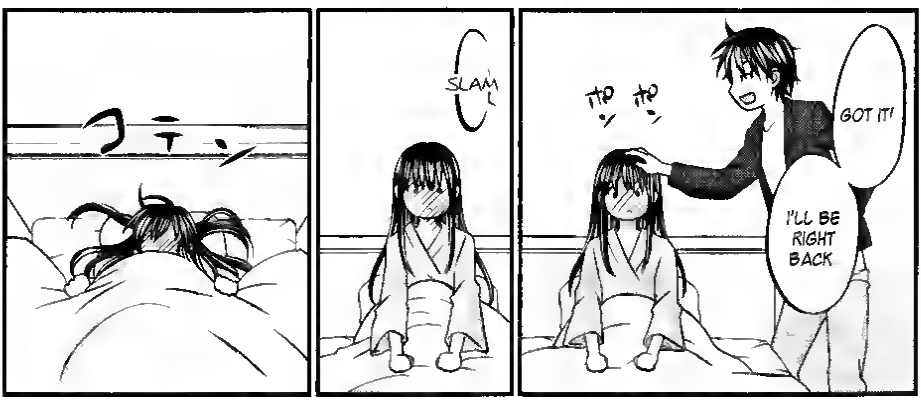
ドキドキ
Canned peach!


GOT IT!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
ナデナデ
SLAM

I CAN'T DO THIS.
THINKING OF STAYING HOSPITALIZED
...EVEN LONGER.
FamiyMart
24OPEN
No matter how many times I try to convey it.
Rely on me I'll support you, stuff like that.

Dimple
Nee-san just laughs and says "I'm fine"
In the end, she ends up shouldering it all on her own.
Do whatever I can for her
白桃
I should stay by her side as much as possible

Tugged in closely together
Hot cake, and melted ice-cream
The sweet smell
The smell
Ahʼn, we share with one spoon.

Again, drowsily
Syrupy within those large hands
Like honey
Tugged in closely together, the smell
The sweet smell
I don't [illegible] leave, I [illegible] to keep sleeping.

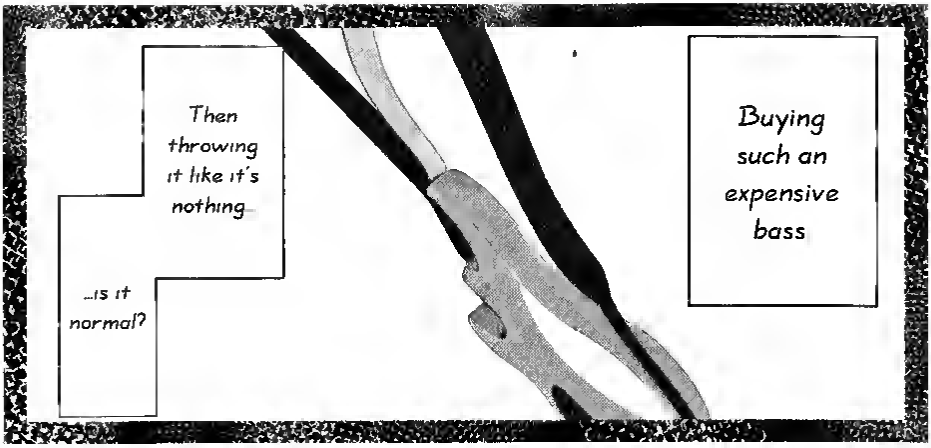
CAN I GO SEE HER NOW?
IT'S OKAY, SHE'S AWAKE.
SHE'S ALSO LEAVING THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW, IT SEEMS
I'M GLAD.
SAKUTA
BEFORE YOU GO . CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
HUH?
AYANO -CHAN WAS IT?
WHAT KIND OF GIRL IS SHE?
WHAT KIND... SHE'S JUST A NORMAL, NICE AND GENTLE GIRL.

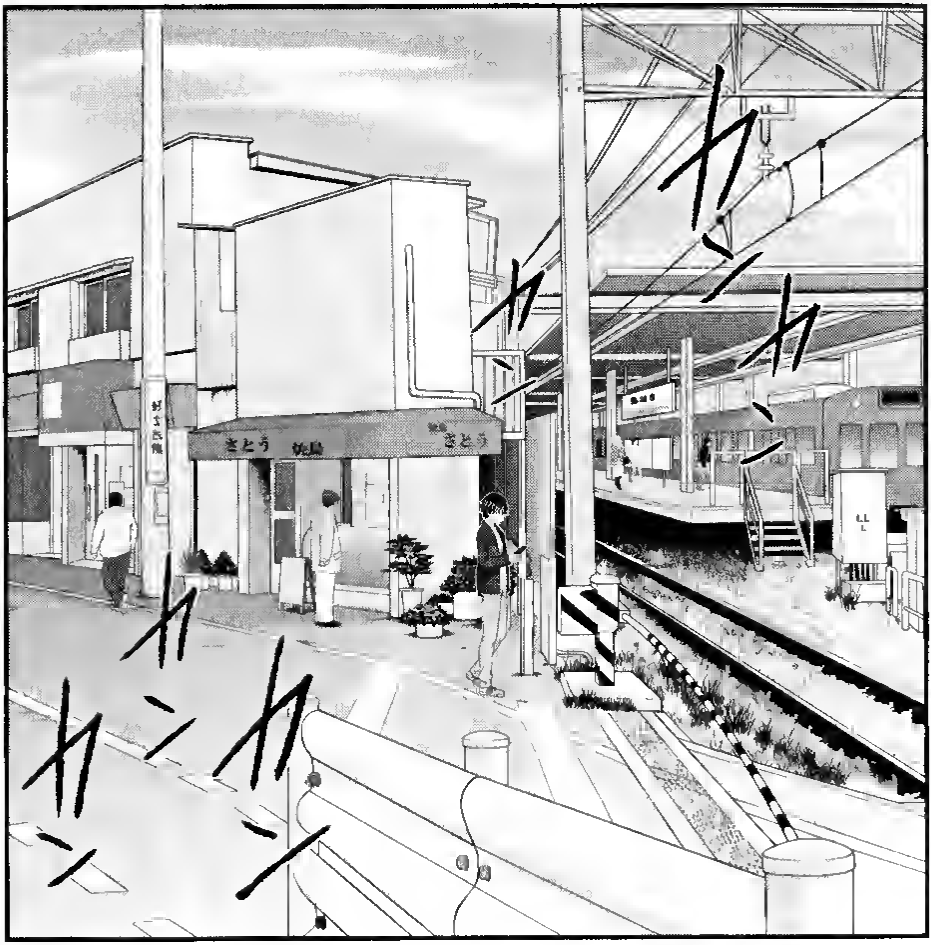
NORMAL?
SHE'S USUALLY...
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE PANICKED THINKING THAT I WAS HOSPITALIZED
HER LOOK YESTERDAY WAS ALSO NORMAL?
小島 彩乃
AND CUTE
.....
SERIOUS, SHY...

WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN PAIN.
I REALLY LOVE HER.
IT'S JUST, LATELY...
I LOVE HER!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A GIRL YOU LOVE?
THERE ARE TIMES THAT I DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HER.

...GUESS THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL THE EXHAUSTION STAGE
SORRY FOR SAYING SOMETHING WEIRD, PLEASE FORGET IT
IF THERE'S MALAISE BETWEEN YOU TWO, THINK CAREFULLY AND SETTLE IT.
FOR SHIORI'S SAKE TOO.

Nee-san will definitely worry...
If Ayano -chan and I become owkward.
116 MISSED CALLS
Even without looking, I know they're from Ayono-chan Is that normol?


Then throwing it like it's nothing
...is it normal?
Buying such an expensive bass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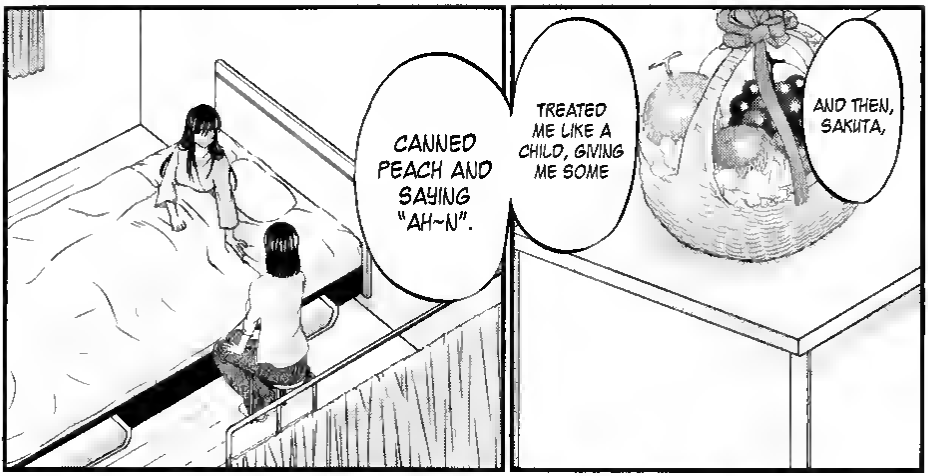
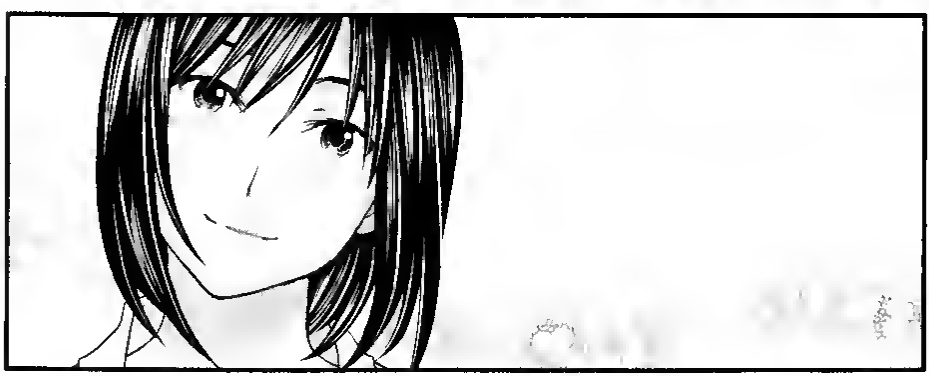
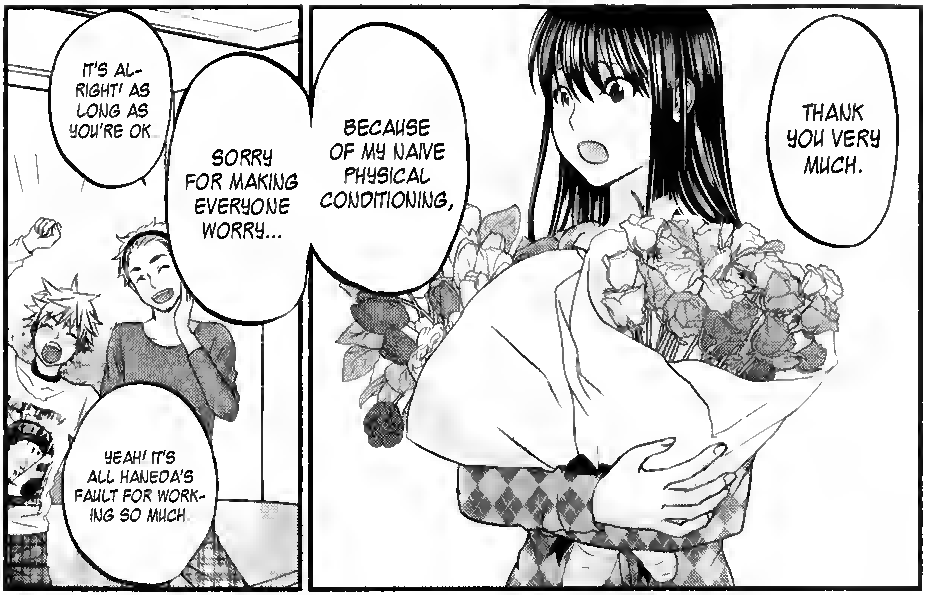

AND THEN, SAKUTA,
TREATED ME LIKE A CHILD, GIVING ME SOME
CANNED PEACH AND SAYING "AH~N".

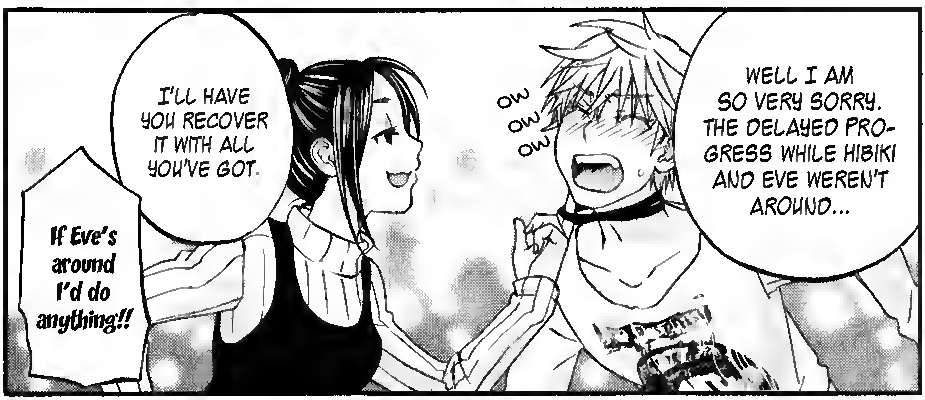
IT WAS REALLY EMBAR-RASSING.



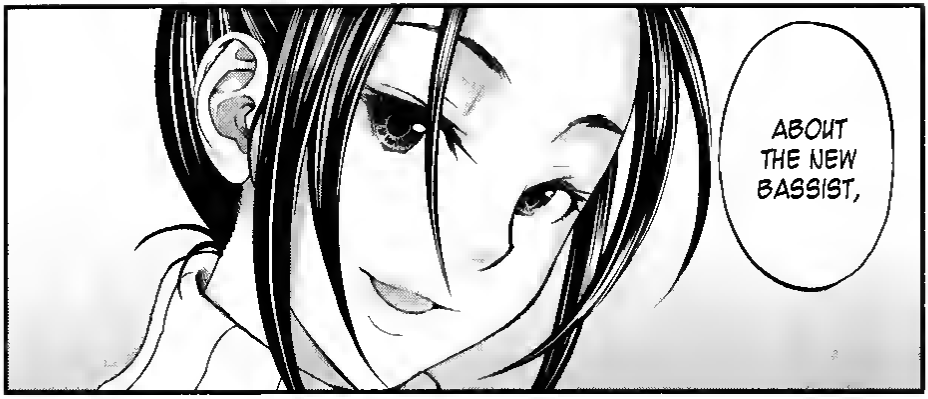
SHIORI
DON'T TEASE ME TOO, MAYU~
WANT ME TO SAY "AH~N" FOR YOU TOO?
Geez!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT SORT OF MANLY THING SUDDENLY AGAIN!!
I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND.
THANK YOU.
BUT, I'M HAPPY

ONE, TWO
CONGRAT-ULATIONS EVE!
ON LEAVING THE HOSPITAL!!
HUH, WASN'T THE MEETING...
THE MEETING CAN WAIT!
LET'S GO ALL OUT TO CELEBRATE YOU GETTING OUT OF THE HOSPITAL
YOU LOOK SPIRITED, IT'S A RELIEF


IT'S ALRIGHT! AS LONG AS YOU'RE OK.
SORRY FOR MAKING EVERYONE WORRY...
YEAH! IT'S ALL HANEDA'S FAULT FOR WORKING SO MUCH.
BECAUSE OF MY NAIVE PHYSICAL CONDITIONING,
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.


I'LL HAVE YOU RECOVER IT WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT.
If Eve's around I'd do anything!!
Ow Ow Ow
WELL I AM SO VERY SORRY. THE DELAYED PROGRESS WHILE HIBIKI AND EVE WEREN'T AROUND...

...YES
EVE TOO, PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR BEST WITH THE NEW INCEST.


ABOUT THE NEW BASSIST,

I'M THINKING OF REQUESTING SAKUTA-KUN.

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GUILTY

I BOUGHT INCEST'S NEWEST ALBUM♥
AWESOME! I BOUGHT IT TOO!
So we both got it!
DON'T YOU THINK SA'S CUTE? ISN'T HE?

EH~ I THINK I LIKED WHEN HIBIKI PLAYED THE BASS...
You can't really see SA's face either~
AFTER SA JOINED THEIR SALES WERE AMAZING THOUGH
AND IT'S EVE'S BROTHER AH~N ♥ SERIOUSLY I WANT TO SEE HIM LIVE!

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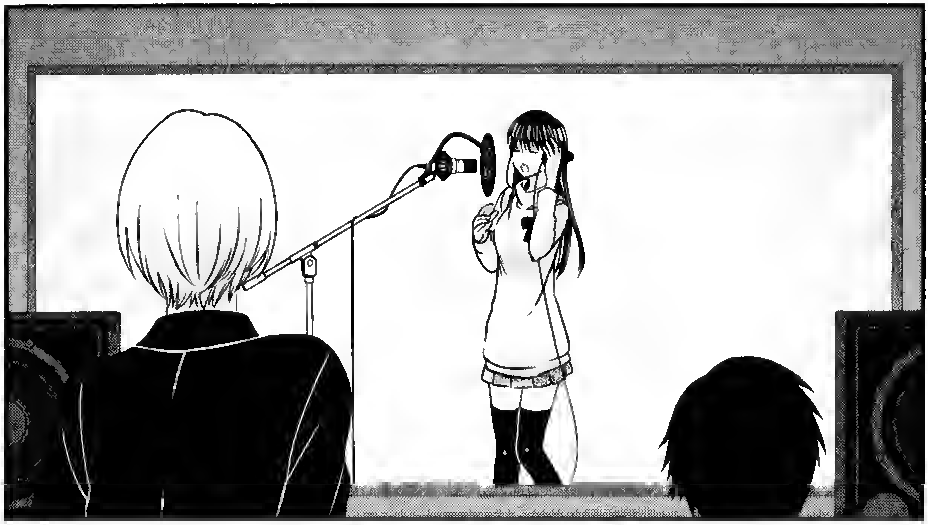
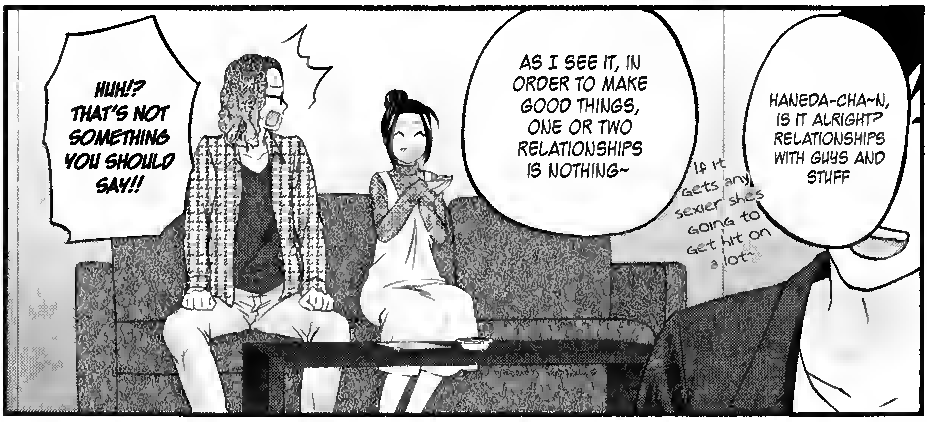
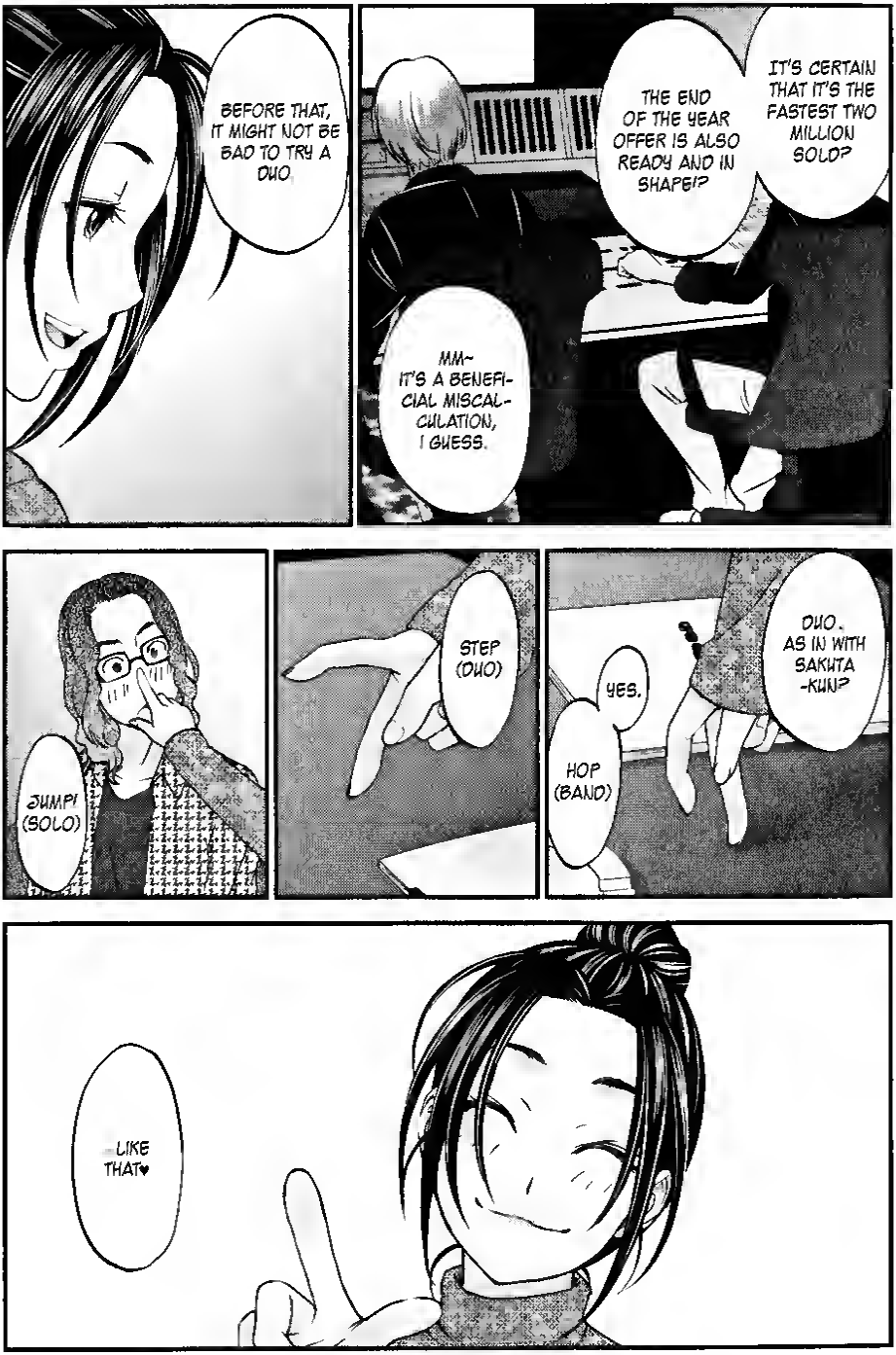
STUDIO
Under the name of SA, I joined Incest as a bassist
However, looking at myself like this, I still don't feel the reality of it



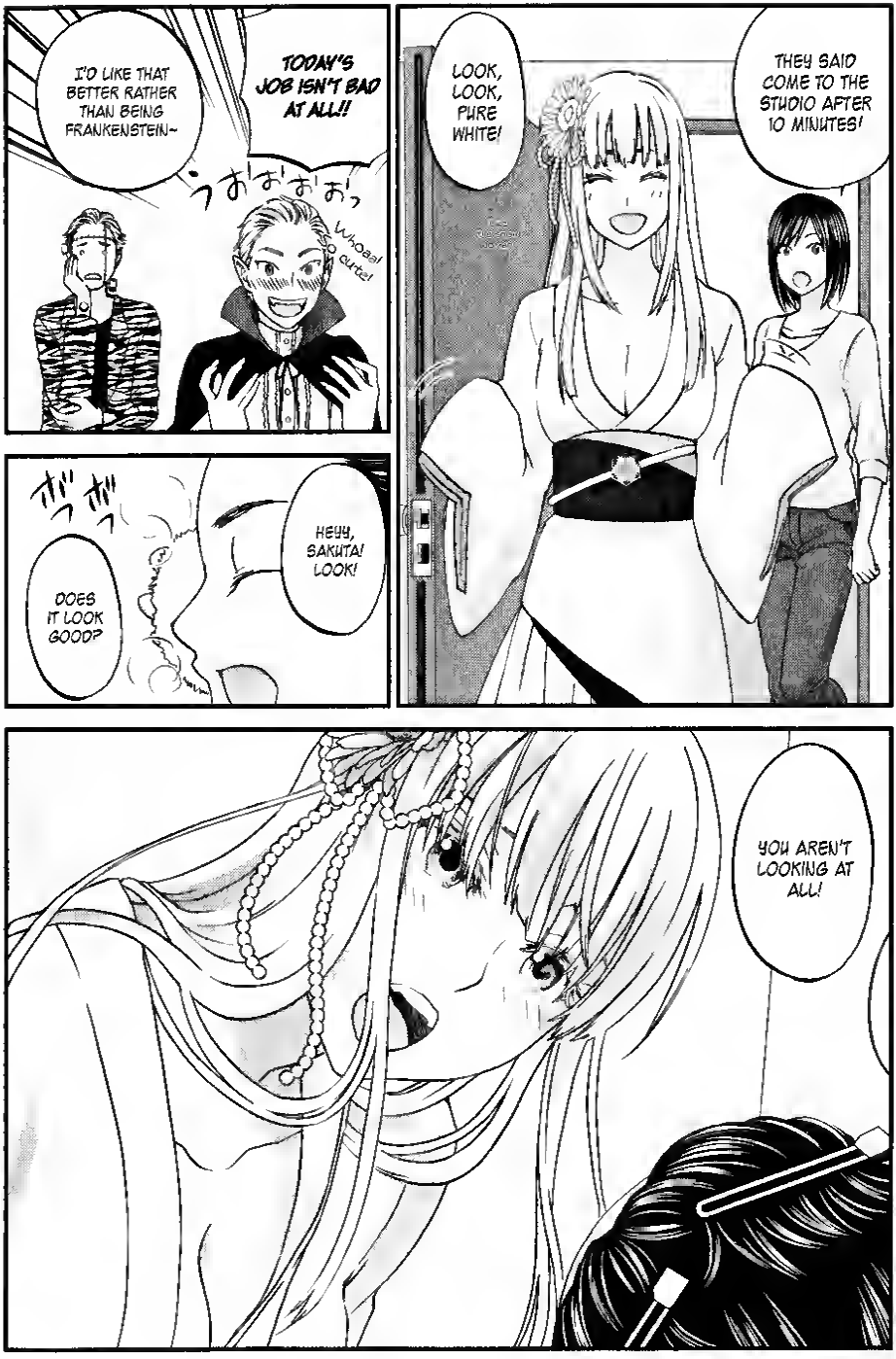
NICE!! SHE'S REALLY IN TO IT!!
AFTER LEAVING THE HOSPITAL, THERE'S A LOT MORE CHARM IN HER VOICE


HANEDA-CHA~N, IS IT ALRIGHT? RELATIONSHIPS WITH GUYS AND STUFF
AS I SEE IT, IN ORDER TO MAKE GOOD THINGS, ONE OR TWO RELATIONSHIPS IS NOTHING~
HUH!? THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD SAY!!
Is it gets any sexier she's going to get hit on a lot

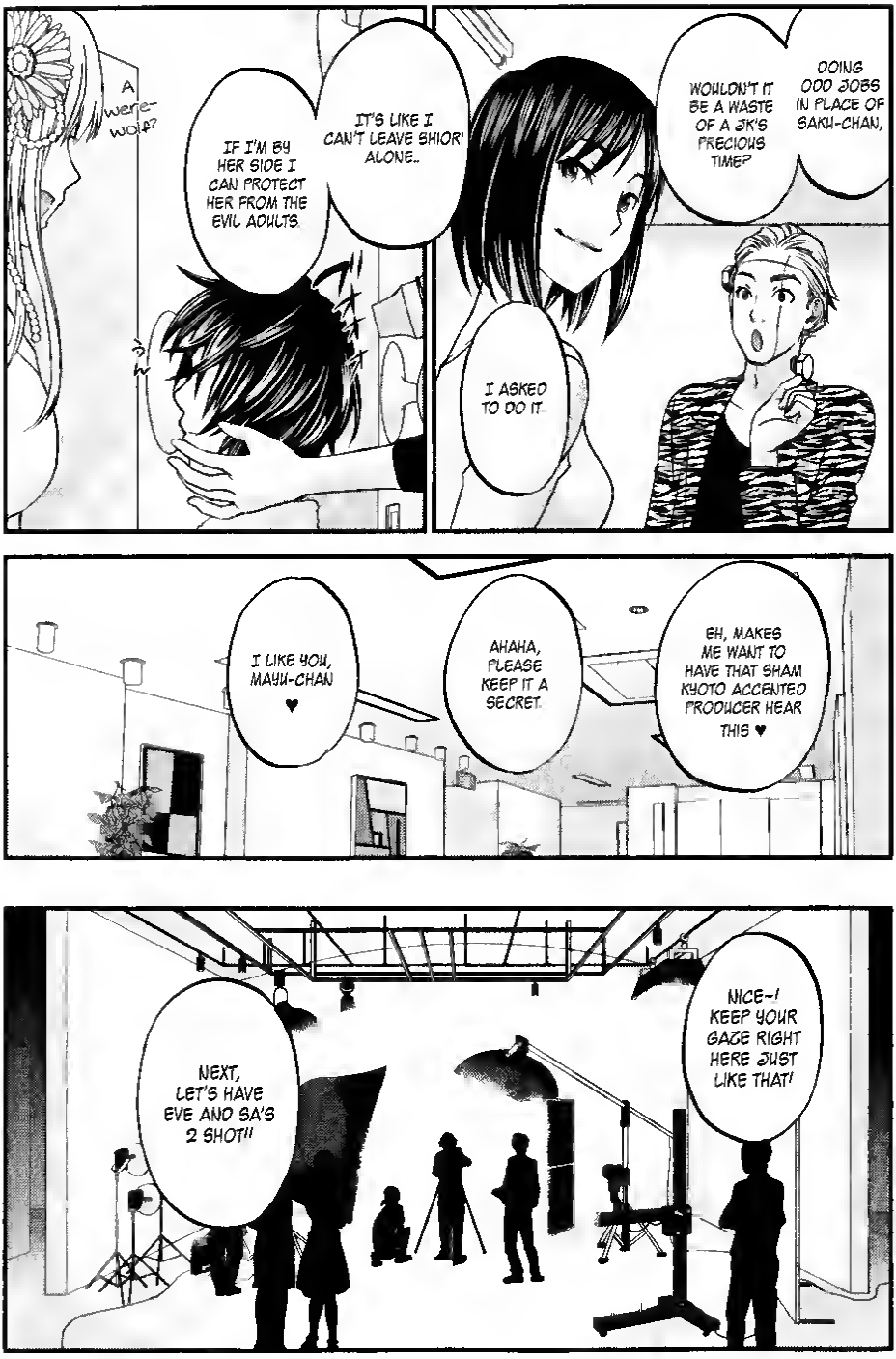

BEFORE THAT, IT MIGHT NOT BE BAD TO TRY A DUO.
IT'S CERTAIN THAT IT'S THE FASTEST TWO MILLION SOLD?
THE END OF THE YEAR OFFER IS ALSO READY AND IN SHAPE!?
MM~ IT'S A BENEFICIAL MISCALCULATION, I GUESS.
JUMP! (SOLO)
STEP (DUO)
DUO. AS IN WITH SAKUTA-KUN?
YES.
HOP (BAND)
LIKE THAT♥

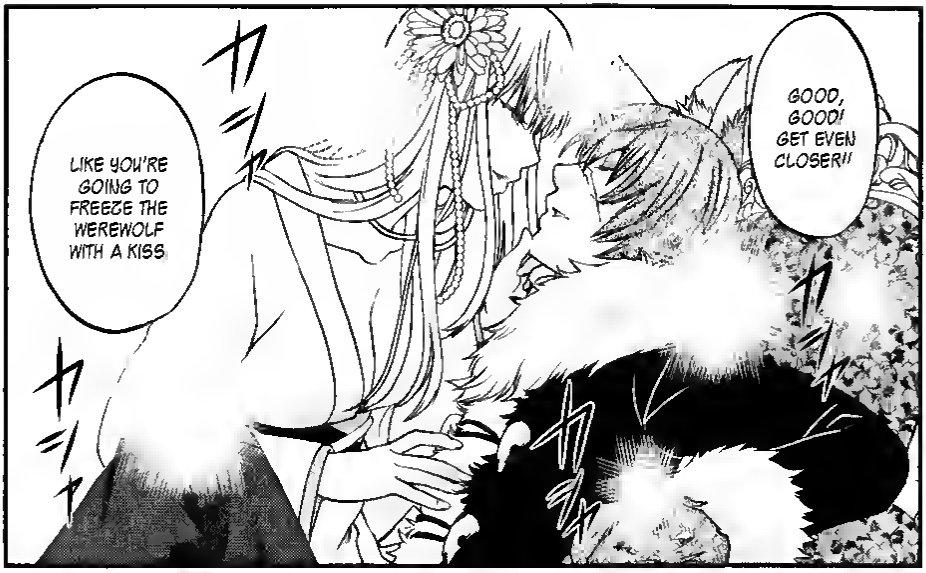
TIRING
AT THIS RATE, HIS BASS PERFORMANCE IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE!!
NOOOO!
THE CLOTHES ARE GOING TO GET CRUMPLED, STOP IT YUKI-!
SERIOUSLY TIRING-!! TOO MUCH INCREASE IN WORK LOAD! DON'T WANT TO TOUCH THE GUITAR AT ALL!!
SO FUSSY!! I WON'T ACCEPT ANYONE THAT ISN'T BETTER THAN HIBIKI!!
That's right
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? SAKU-CHAN IS PRETTY DECENT!

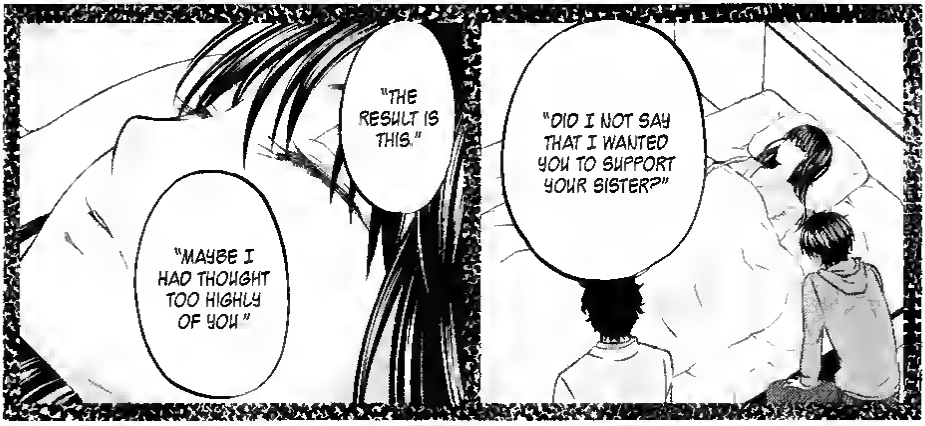
I can't just be pretty decent
"The rest is up to you !"
I need to practice many times more than the normal and get on to the level of Incest
Or I won't be able to face Hibiki-son
HOW LONG UNTIL THINGS ARE FINISHED HERE?
As a member I can't stay by Nee-san's side anymore


TODAY'S JOB ISN'T BAD AT ALL!!
I'D LIKE THAT BETTER RATHER THAN BEING FRANKENSTEIN~
うおおおおっ
Whoaa! cute!
THEY SAID COME TO THE STUDIO AFTER 10 MINUTES!
LOOK, LOOK, PURE WHITE!
HEYY, SAKUTA! LOOK!
DOES IT LOOK GOOD?
YOU AREN'T LOOKING AT ALL!

IT
LOOKS... GOOD.
ドキ
ドキドキドキ
YEAH
AH...
I'M GLAD!
FUFU
He's annoying right?
I'M ALREADY USED TO IT
SORRY, HE'S AN IDIOT, MAYU-CHAN
AH!! TIRING!! SOMEHOW THIS JOB IS JUST SO TIRING~!!!

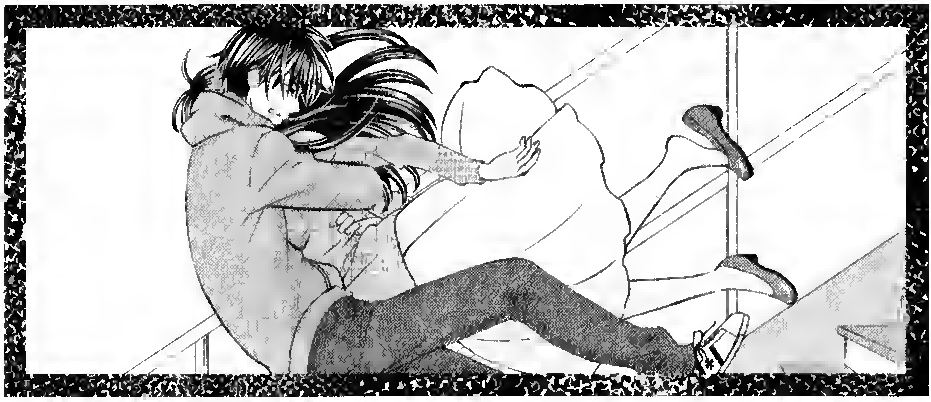

A were-wolf?
IF I'M BY HER SIDE I CAN PROTECT HER FROM THE EVIL ADULTS.
IT'S LIKE I CAN'T LEAVE SHIORI ALONE..
I ASKED TO DO IT.
WOULDN'T IT BE A WASTE OF A JK'S PRECIOUS TIME?
DOING ODD JOBS IN PLACE OF SAKU-CHAN,
I LIKE YOU, MAYU-CHAN ♥
AHAHA, PLEASE KEEP IT A SECRET.
EH, MAKES ME WANT TO HAVE THAT SHAM KYOTO ACCENTED PRODUCER HEAR THIS ♥
NEXT, LET'S HAVE EVE AND SA'S 2 SHOT!!
NICE~! KEEP YOUR GAZE RIGHT HERE JUST LIKE THAT!

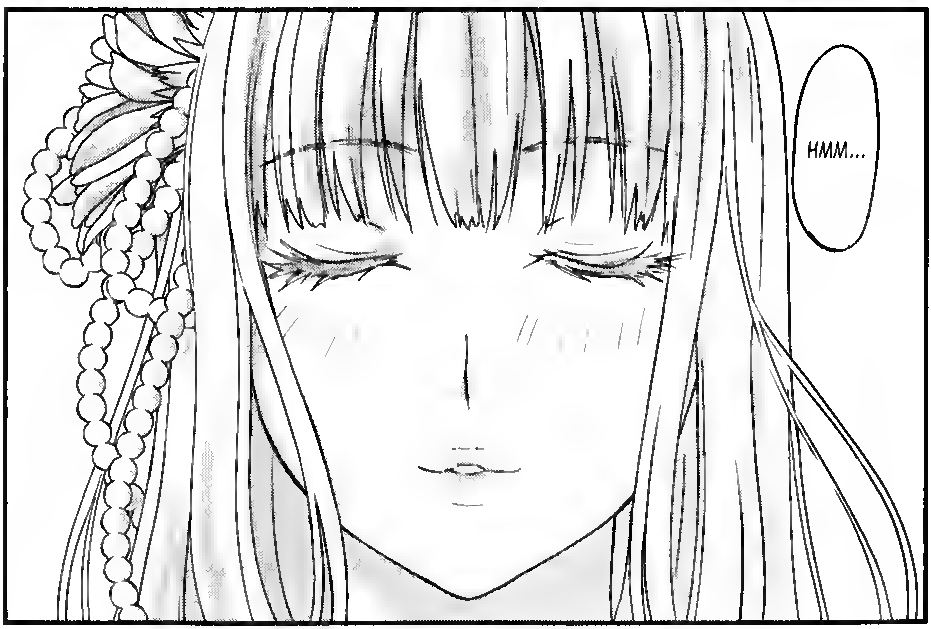

LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO FREEZE THE WEREWOLF WITH A KISS.
GOOD, GOOD! GET EVEN CLOSER!!


"MAYBE I HAD THOUGHT TOO HIGHLY OF YOU."
"THE RESULT IS THIS."
"DID I NOT SAY THAT I WANTED YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR SISTER?"

Never again.

Do I want to experience nearly losing Nee-san?



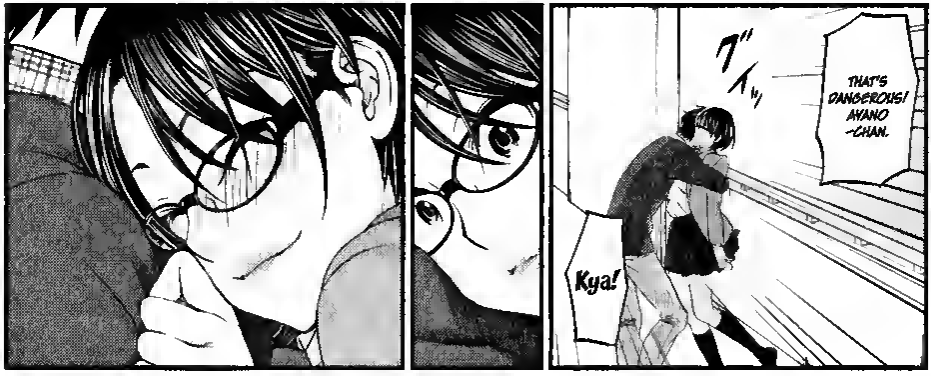

HMM...

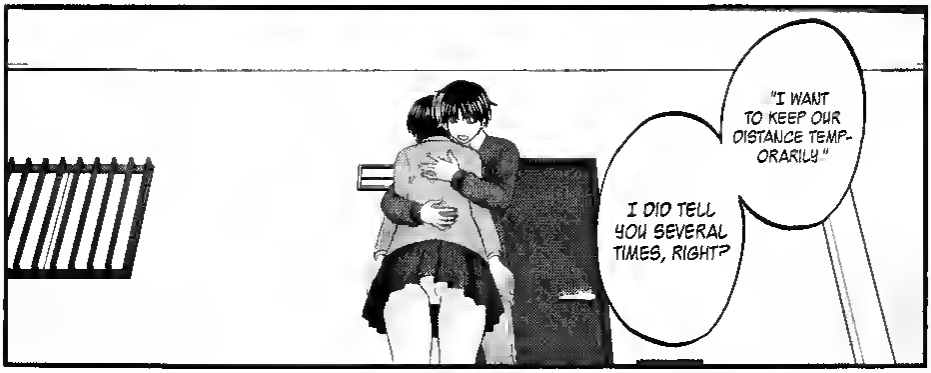
IT KIND OF MADE ME NERVOUS
DON'T FUSS.
RIGHT. BACKSTAGE,
OOOI! WAY TOO CLOSE!!
HER LIPS CAME REALLY CLOSE
YEP! IT'S FINE! LET'S GO BUY THEM TOGETHER!
I'LL EAT AT YOUR PLACE. I'LL BE THERE AFTER I BUY THE INGREDIENTS
HOT POT'S FINE?
WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT'S DINNER?
I HAVE HOMEWORK... I'LL GO AFTER HEADING BACK HOME FIRST.
EVEN IF IT GETS LATE, I'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE
HMM...

WELCOME BACK, SAKUTA -KUN!

AYANO -CHAN... I'VE SAID IT MANY TIMES, BUT RIGHT NOW A LITTLE DIS...
HEY! SAKUTA -KUN!
WHY IS IT THAT HERE, HERE,
AND HERE,
YOU AREN'T USING THE BASS THAT I GAVE YOU?
CEST
WHY?
I CAN'T ACCEPT SOMETHING THAT'S SO EXPENSIVE...
LIKE I SAID..

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, IT'S PERFECTLY FINE TO THROW IT AWAY.

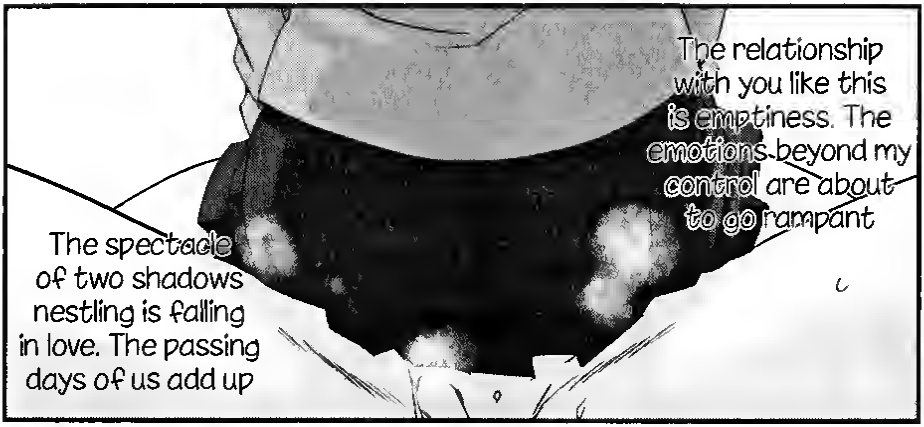

THAT'S DANGEROUS! AKANO -CHAN.
Kya!

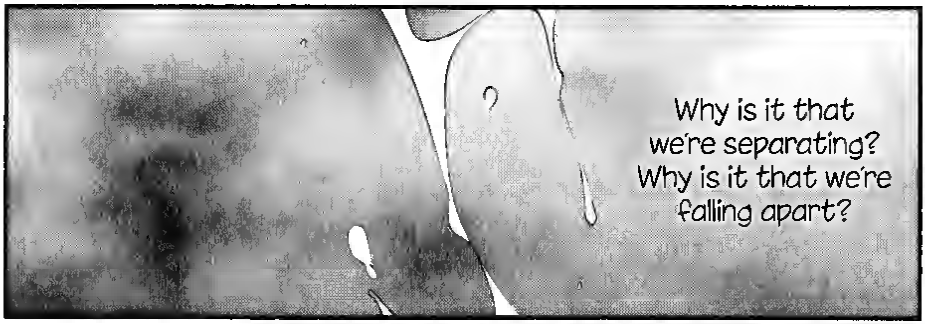

"I WANT TO KEEP OUR DISTANCE TEMP-ORARILY."
I DID TELL YOU SEVERAL TIMES, RIGHT?

...NO.
I DON'T WANT TO
...!
Nn
SOR

HAA
HAA
ST...
HAA
STO...
AYA...
NO...
CHA...
NOT...
NOT STOPPING

I WANT TO ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
NOT A SECOND,
NOT A MINUTE,
I DON'T WANT TO KEEP OUR DISTANCE.


The relationship with you like this is emptiness. The emotions beyond my control are about to go rampant
The spectacle of two shadows nestling is falling in love. The passing days of us add up

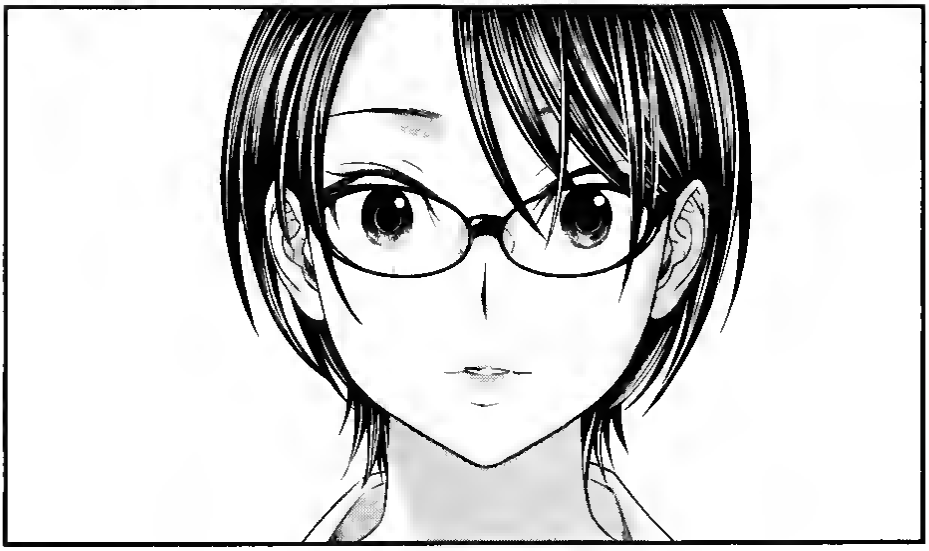

Why is it that we're separating? Why is it that we're falling apart?

I can't love the body that I know thoroughly.

What are you seeing now?
Tell me why? Why?
What are you protecting?
Where is the answer?

SAKUTA
-KUN ♥
LEAVE.

PLEASE, LEAVE!!
I'M OKAY TO STAY LATE TONIGHT, RIGHT?
EH!? WHAT? WHY!?
I FEEL LIKE I'LL HATE YOU.
AT THIS RATE,



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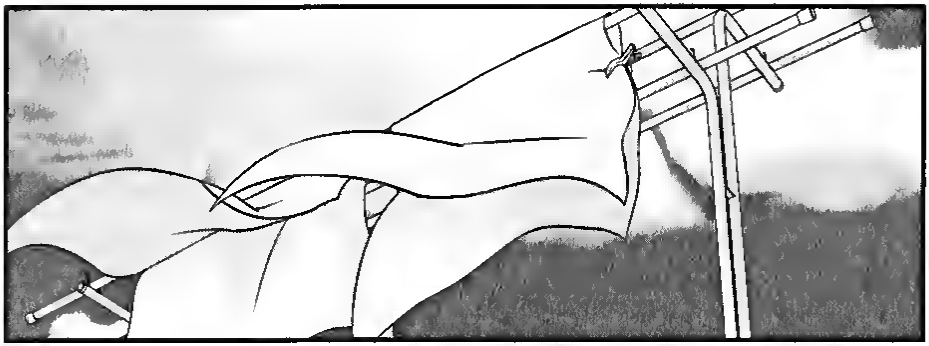
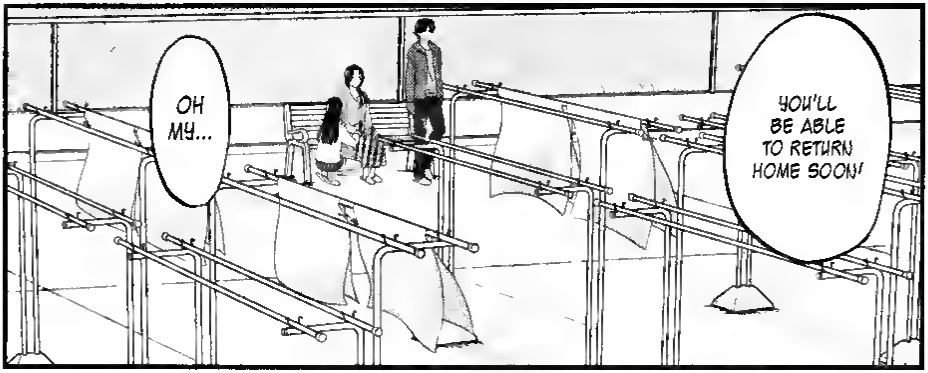
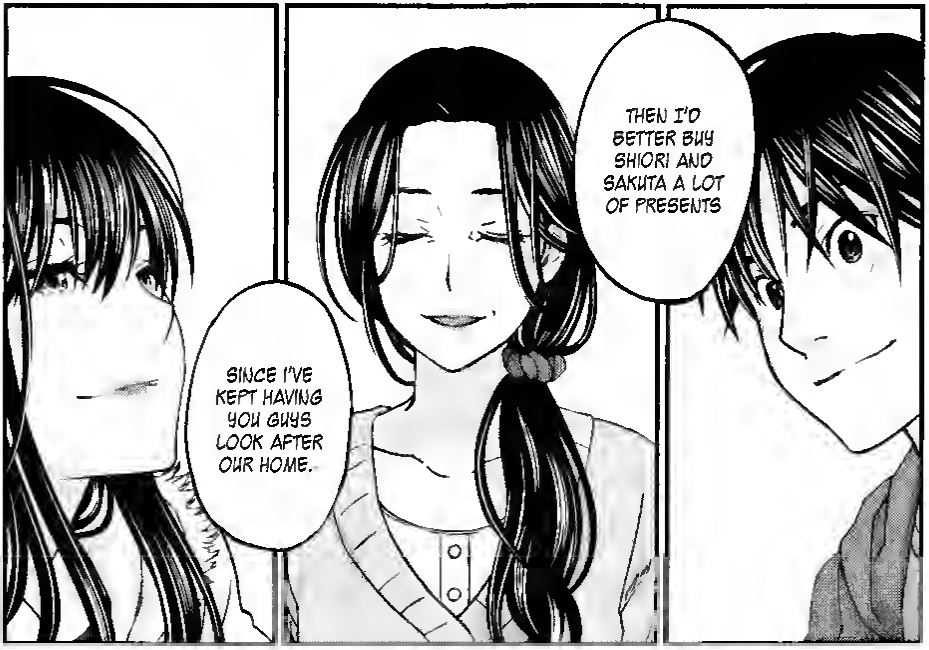
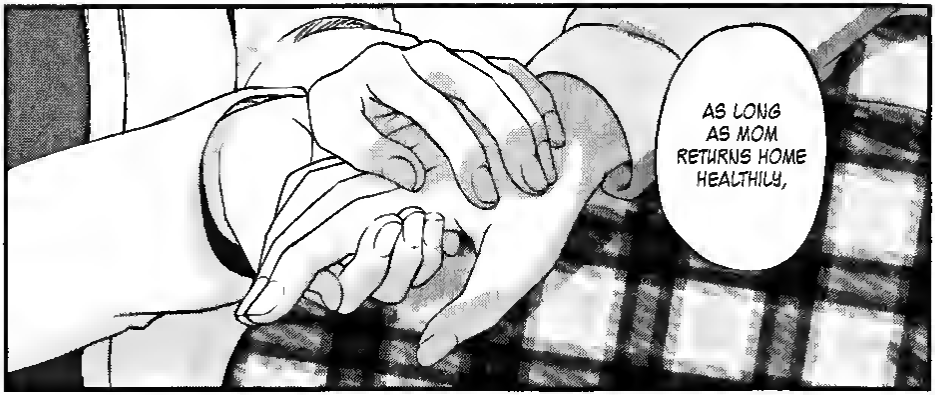
IT'S OKAY TO TAKE IT SLOW.
THAT'S RIGHT, JUST LIKE THAT
HER MOVEMENT ABILITIES ARE RECOVERING AT QUITE A GOOD PACE
WITH CRUTCHES SHE'LL PROBABLY HAVE NO PROBLEM WALKING
NO, IT'S ALSO BECAUSE YOU TWO HAVE COME FREQUENTLY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

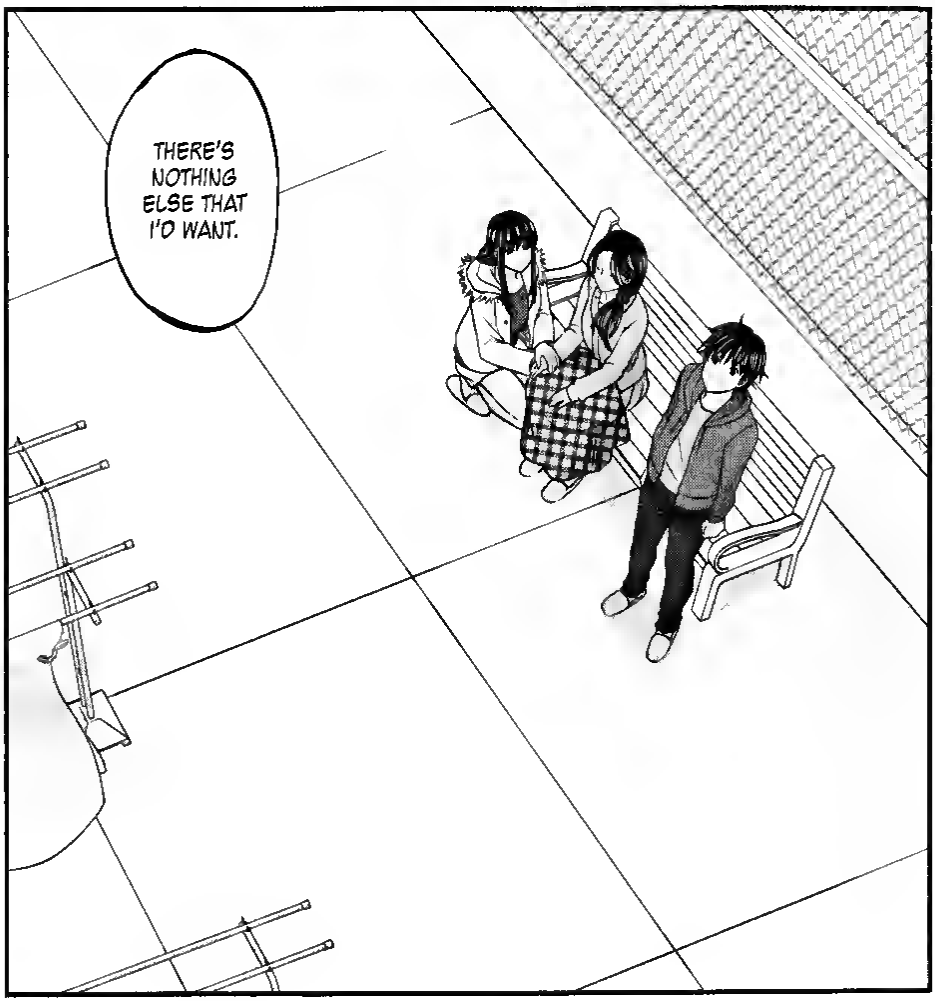
EVEN IF IZUMI-SAN CANNOT REMEMBER, SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT HER CHILDREN BY HER SIDE
CARE FROM A PATIENT'S DIRECT FAMILY IS THE MOST MENTALLY EFFECTIVE
IF SHE CONTINUES TO RECOVER AT THIS PACE,
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RELEASE A TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR HER TO GO HOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE




OH MY...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME SOON!


SINCE I'VE KEPT HAVING YOU GUYS LOOK AFTER OUR HOME.
THEN I'D BETTER BUY SHIORI AND SAKUTA A LOT OF PRESENTS


AS LONG AS MOM RETURNS HOME HEALTHILY,


THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT I'D WANT.

A SET OF FUTON, AND CLOTHES...
AH! RATHER THAN FUTON, WOULD A NURSING BED BE BETTER?
BEING ABLE TO SIT AROUND A HOTPOT AS A FAMILY OF THREE?
BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY!
ISN'T IT A BIT TOO EARLY?

SAKUTA...
I'M TRULY... HAPPY.
THE POSSIBILITY OF LIVING TOGETHER WITH MOM AND NEE-SAN AGAIN
YEAH. HONESTLY, I WAS NEVER ABLE TO IMAGINE

IT'S ALL YOU BECAUSE FOUGHT FOR IT WITH ME
THANKS.

*RICE GRUEL, FISH, VEGGIES AND/OR OTHER MEATS SEASONED WITH MISO AND SOY SAUCE.

Like a ring of slowly blooming smiles on a battlefield.

absolute
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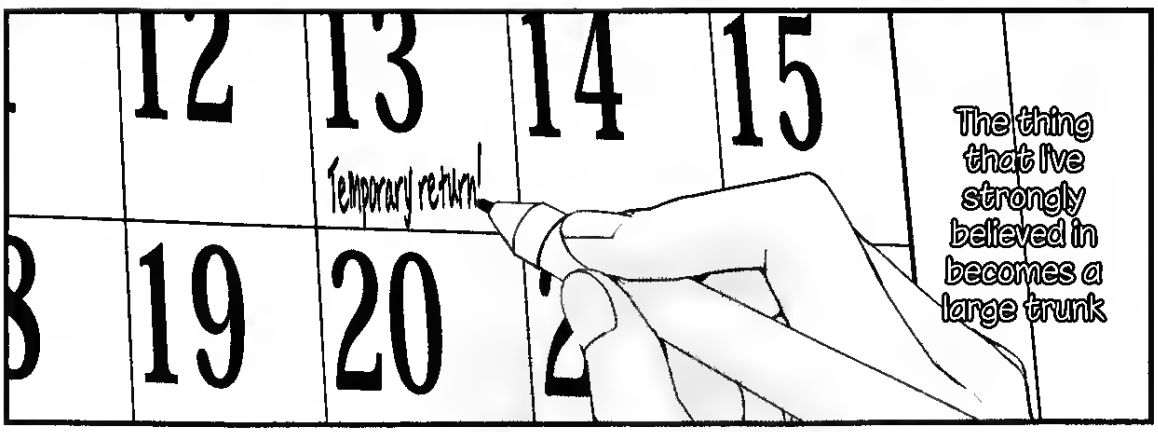
That's probably what one calls happiness.
If we can embrace joy daily,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Temporary return!
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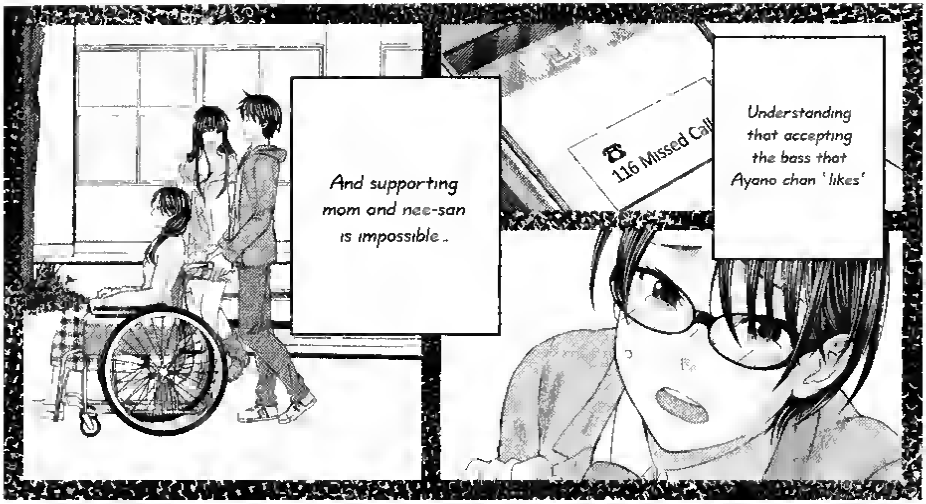
The thing that I've strongly believed in becomes a large trunk

The branches extend to our common friends.
Turning into a thick forest that supports one another.
Nurturing the bond called family.

ALRIGHT, CUT! NEXT ONE WILL BE SUNSET IN 30 MINUTES
EXCUSE ME, DID SOMEONE FORGET TO TURN OFF THEIR PHONE'S VIBRATION?
B Z Z Z
SAKU-TA'S?
YEAH... BUT IT'S NOT ON MOM
If there are no problems in today's inspection then mom's temporary return is going to be formally allowed
Waiting for that call we were agitated during the entire day

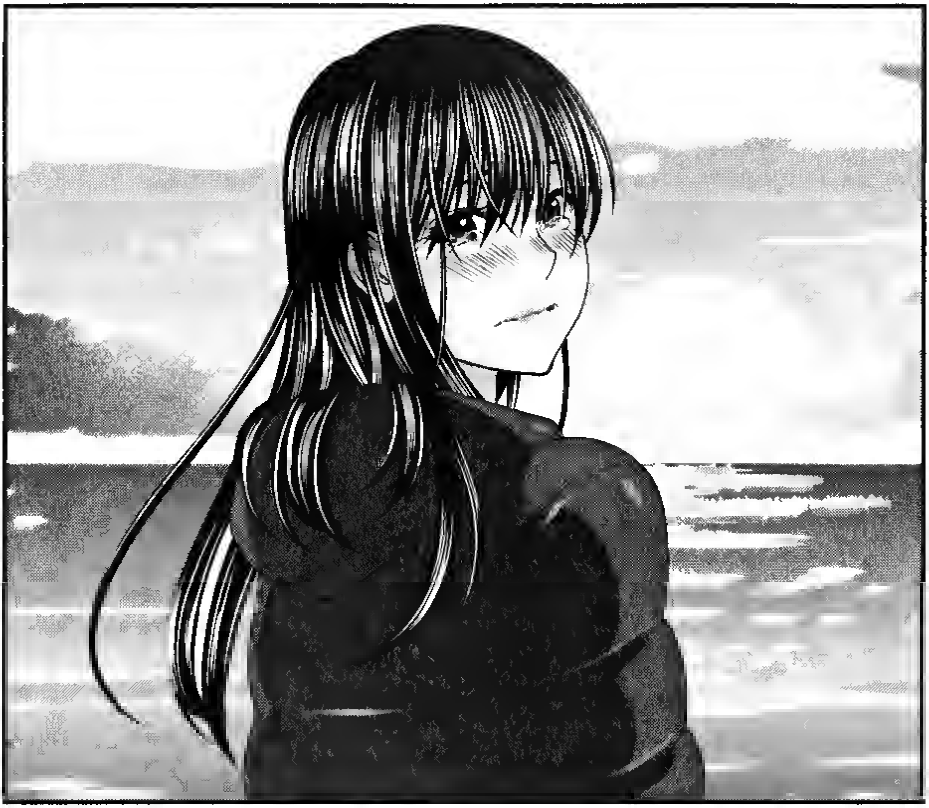
After that day Ayano-chan suddenly stopped contacting me
She probably hates me by now
..AYANO -CHAN?
NO, IT'S JUST SPAM..
I should tell her
pro-perly
that we should break up


And supporting mom and nee-san is impossible...
116 Missed Call
Understanding that accepting the bass that Ayano chan 'likes'

BZZZ
SAKUTA?

YES.
OKAY... I UNDER-STAND

YES!
RIGHT, THAT'S FINE.



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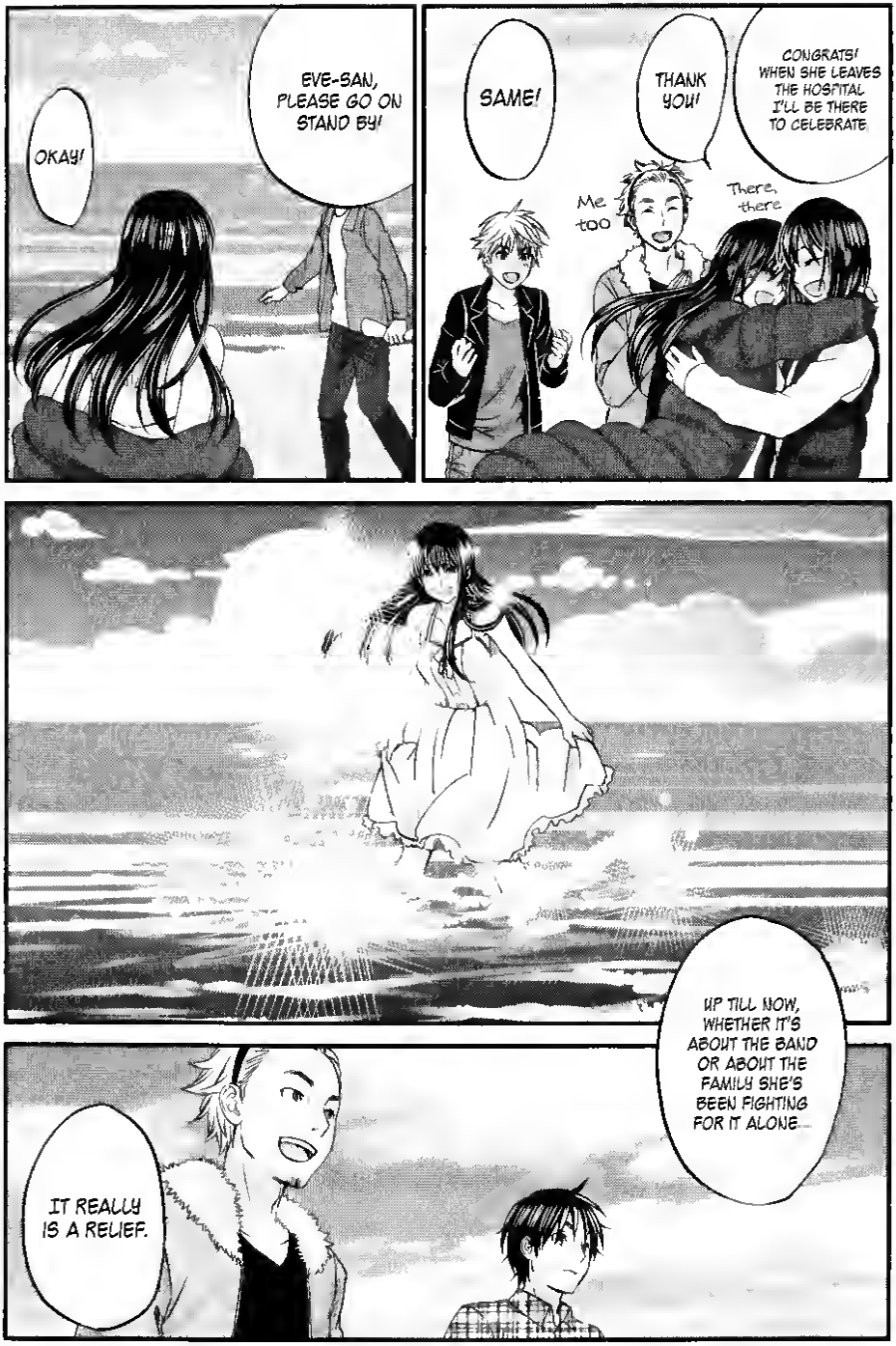
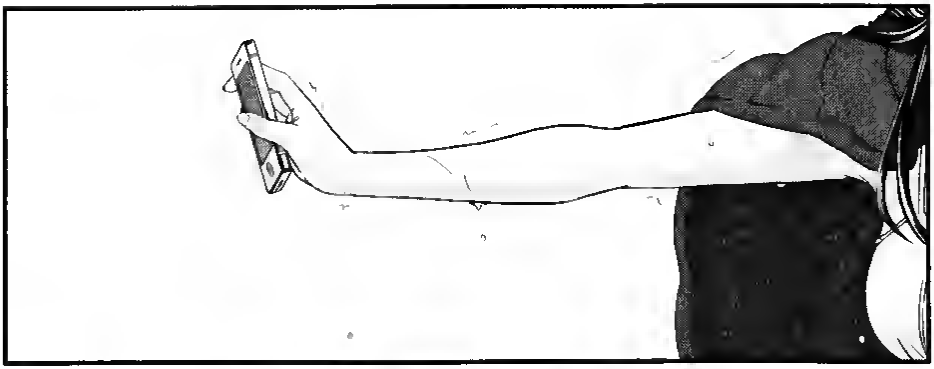
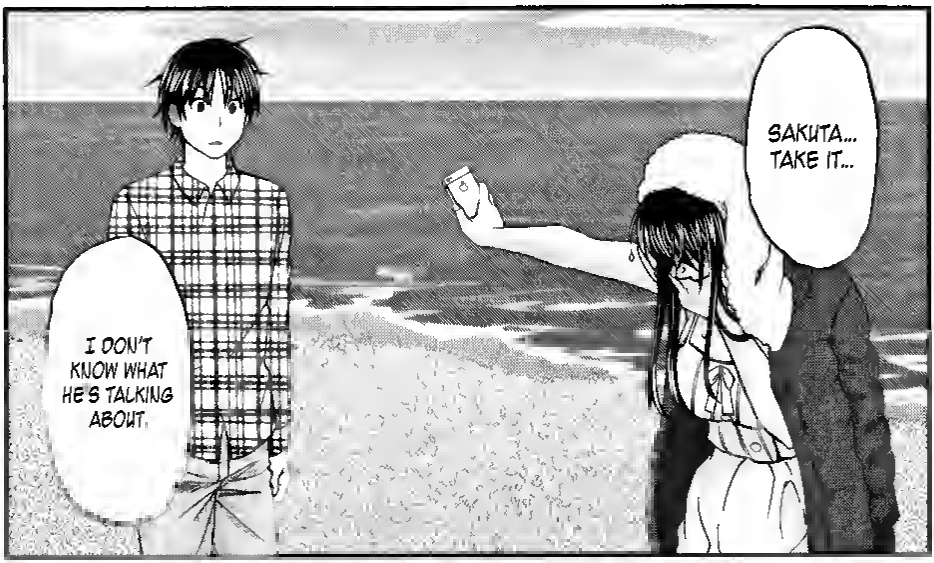
MOM'S COMING BACK!!!
IT'S AN OKAY!!


EVE-SAN, PLEASE GO ON STAND BY!
OKAY!
CONGRATS! WHEN SHE LEAVES THE HOSPITAL I'LL BE THERE TO CELEBRATE.
THANK YOU!
SAME!
Me too
There, there
UP TILL NOW, WHETHER IT'S ABOUT THE BAND OR ABOUT THE FAMILY SHE'S BEEN FIGHTING FOR IT ALONE...
IT REALLY IS A RELIEF.

IT'S PROBABLY MY FIRST TIME SEEING HER SMILE IN SUCH AN INNOCENT WAY
NEE-SAN! YOUR CELL'S RINGING AGAIN
IT WAS NOTHING! JUST LIKE SWIMMING!
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK!!! I BET YOU WERE COLD
I've prepared heating over here!
Well, for all
Thanks for the hard work!!!

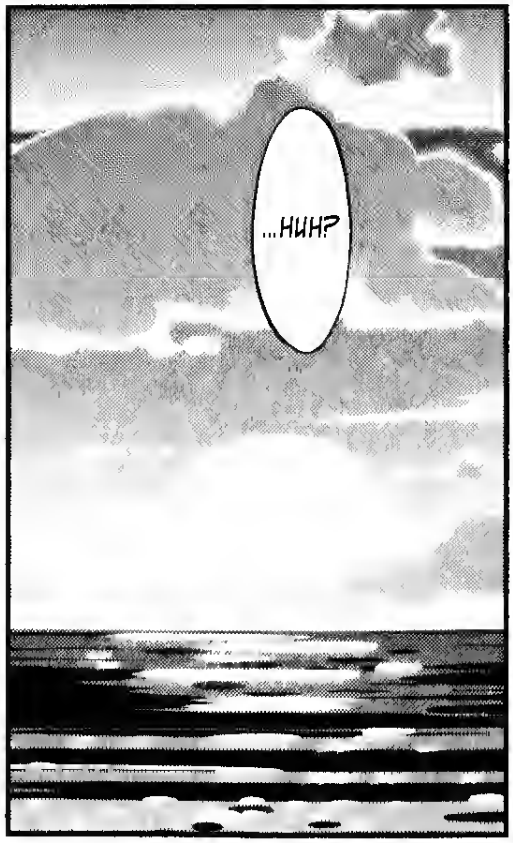
UM... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE...
YES! HELLO!
...HUH?




SAKUTA... TAKE IT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT.

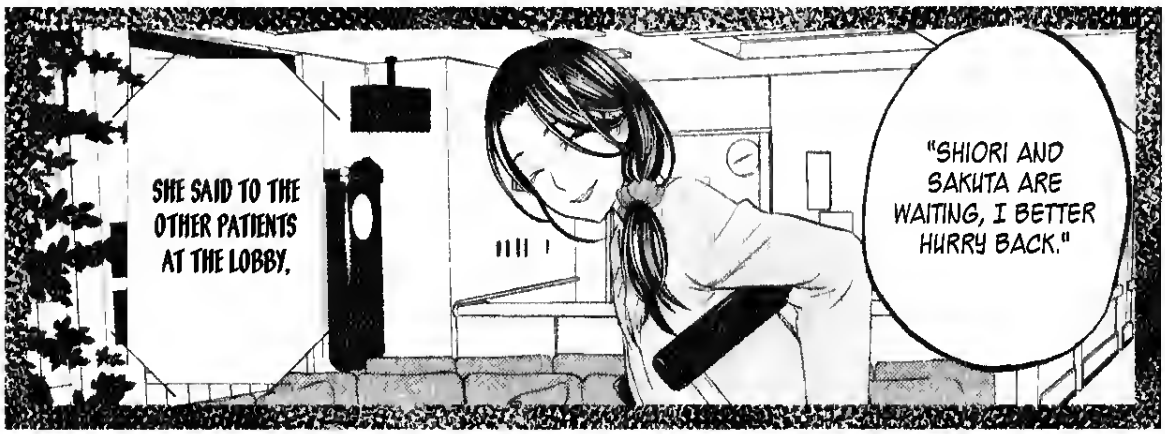
HELLO ...?
SAKUTA-KUN? THIS IS THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, SHIINA.
YES.
OKAY, I WANT YOU TO STAY CALM AND LISTEN TO ME.

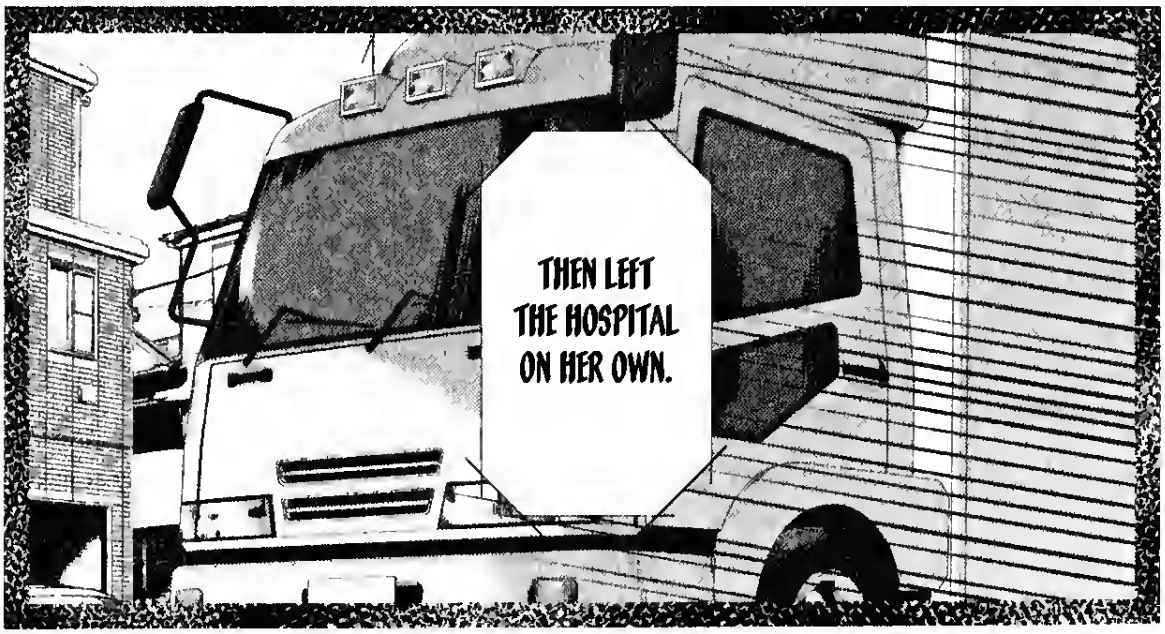
EVE, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SHIORI!? SHE'S SHAKING TERRIBLY...


...HUH?

JUST NOW
YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY.

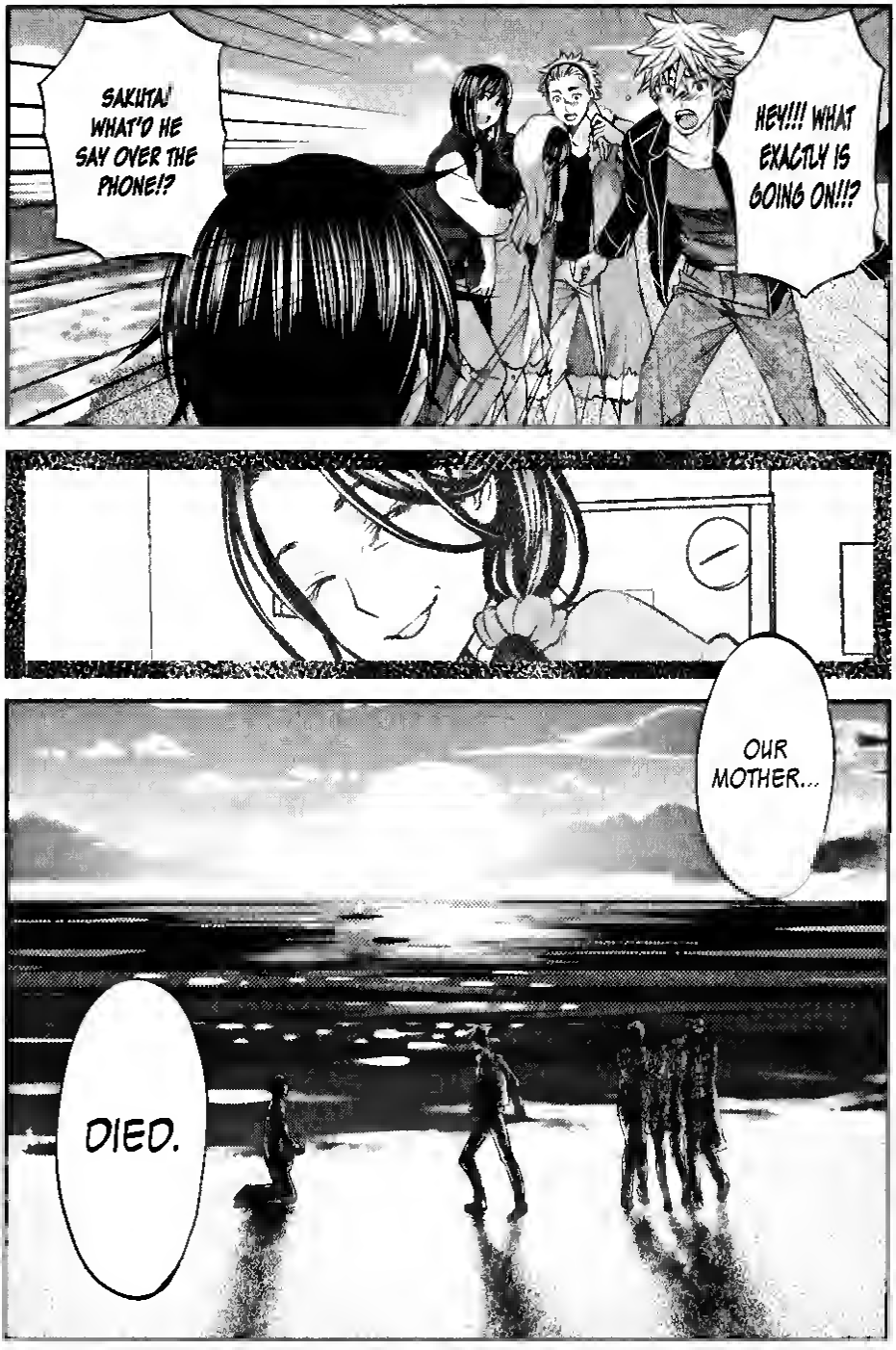
AFTER THE EXAMINATION, I HEARD THAT SHE LEFT TO TAKE A WALK IN THE COURTYARD.
PLEASE GET THE CAR OVER HERE IMMEDIATELY!!!
HA...
HAA-..
HOLD ON EVE!


SHE SAID TO THE OTHER PATIENTS AT THE LOBBY,
"SHIORI AND SAKUTA ARE WAITING, I BETTER HURRY BACK."


THEN LEFT THE HOSPITAL ON HER OWN.

SHE DIED INSTANTLY...

HELLO!? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
SAKUTA-KUN!!
YOU HAVE TO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
ANYWAY, TAKE SHIORI AND COME HERE!!


SAKUTA! WHAT'D HE SAY OVER THE PHONE!?
HEY!!! WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON!!?
OUR MOTHER...
DIED.

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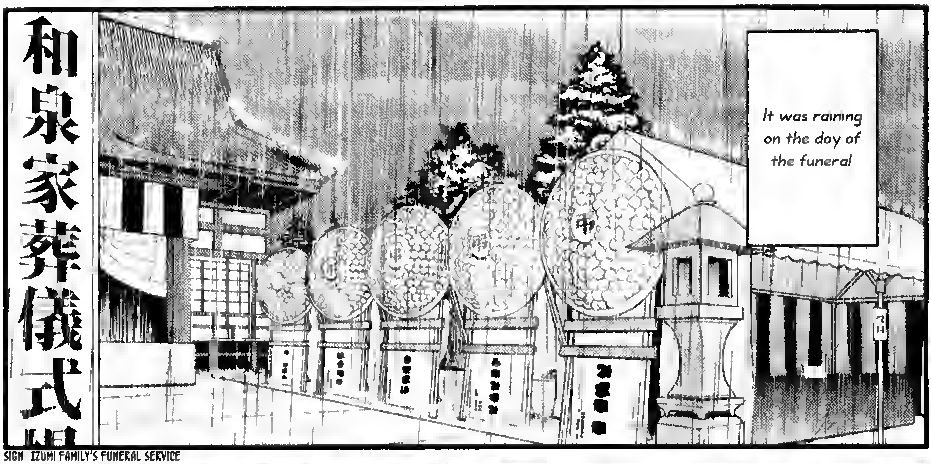
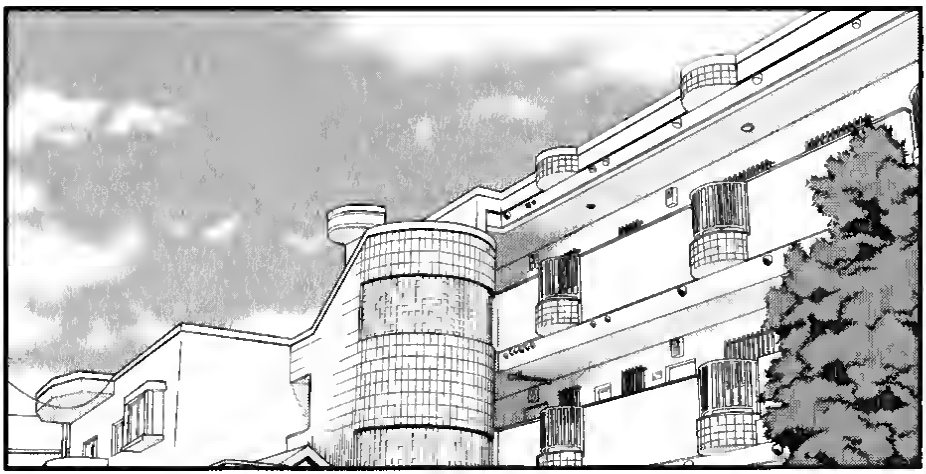


SIGN: IZUMI FAMILY'S FUNERAL SERVICE

He didn't ask anything about mom or us He was just taciturn as usual
Dad came back and took care of everything indifferently and handled the [illegible]rations for the ceremony
he returned overseas.
Just like that similar to the times he was on an occasional break
somehow brought me a sense of security
Even at times like these, his unchanging figure along with a little disappointment

My eyes were dazzled by the lights from flashes.
The public continued to stir.



THEN, SAKUTA PROTECT HER! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, STAY BY HER SIDE!
..SORRY
EVEN ME?
SHE STILL DOESN'T WANT TO MEET ANYONE YET...
PLEASE...
MAYU-SAN SHE'S WORRIED

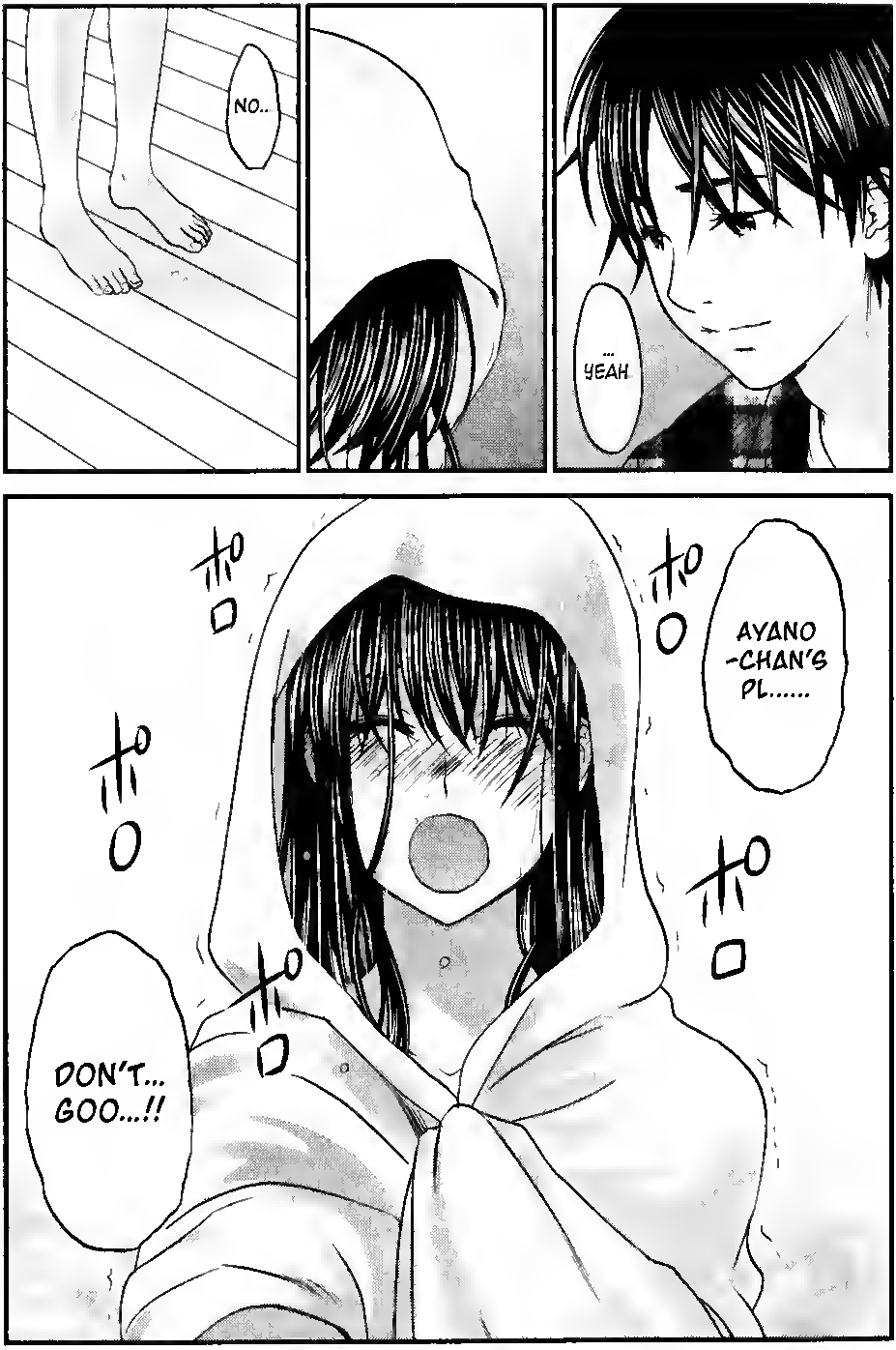
AYU-SAN, HIBIKI TOO, EVERYONE.
THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR NEE-SAN.
.....
I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK.

DON'T
LEAVE...
Nee-san
I'LL BE BACK IN 10 MINUTES
OKAY?
IT'LL BE REAL FAST
became really fearful of me leaving her side

I wish for the strength
I wonder if the snowflakes will pileup.
I want to melt the thorn left within the corners of your chest
before the eventual spring arrives.

We make mistakes.
We come to a standstill immediately.
We're not strong enough
to take in everything.

I'LL BE OUT FOR A LITTLE.
I'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
A...
AYANO -CHAN'S PLACE...?


NO..
...YEAH
AYANO-CHAN'S PL.....
DON'T... GOO...!!

I'LL BE BACK.
TO BE BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER, I NEED TO GO.

FOR-
EVER...?
YEAH.
FOREVER.
SO EAT
PROPERLY,
REST
UP,
AND
WAIT.

I'll return this
to Ayano -chan.
to tell her it's over
ピンポーン

AH.. ERM IS AYANO-CHAN AROUND?
AH!! SAKUTA ONII-CHAN!
MOM! SAKUTA ONII-CHAN'S HERE!
COMING
本文
Can I go to your house at six today? I have something to talk about
Sending such a one sided text request
there's no helping it if it gets ignored..
HEY, HEY, LET'S PEAY, POKEMAN
ERM, THEN I'LL COME ANOTHER TIME...
PLEASE DO COME IN AND WAIT
OH, AYANO?
SORRY SHE'S STILL NOT BACK YET
OH COME ON, LET'S GAME!
NO, THAT'S A LITTLE TOO...
WE'RE ABOUT TO EAT DINNER, PLEASE DO EAT WITH US

*PROBABLY A PLAY ON POKEMON + MONHAN (MONSTER HUNTER)

SHE'S BEEN COMING HOME LATE LATELY...
it seems like there's one extra...
Huh..? If my share is Ayano-chan's
CAN WE GAME AFTER EATING?
N-NO, HONESTLY THAT'S...
AYANO-CHAN'S SHARE WILL BE LEFT OVER! PLEASE!
HEY! IT'S ITADAKIMASU FIRST!
SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT WILL YOU, DEAR

Jeez!
YOU CAN'T KEEP PAMPERING HER LIKE THAT!
HMH? SHE'S STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU KNOW.
MY DAD'S TRANSPARENT.
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モグ
YOU CAN'T SEE RIGHT?

I CAN'T THOUGH.
OKAA-SAN AND ONEE-SAN CAN BOTH SEE HIM
UFUFU, MY DAD, MAYBE~
W-WON'T THAT WORRY YOUR PARENTS?
that "dad" is ?
DEAR...? DEAR~!!
WANT ME TO ASK HER DAD?
Then
MOM AND NORIYUKI ARE ALWAYS TALKING
WHILE ME AND MY DAD ARE LISTENING AND PLAYING THE STRAIGHT MAN
I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM NOW
THEY SAID THAT I WAS ABLE TO "SEE" WHEN I WAS YOUNGER

What.. the hell..
That's weird
SAKUTA -KUN!?
EEH!!? OH, WHY?
WHEN DID YOU COME?

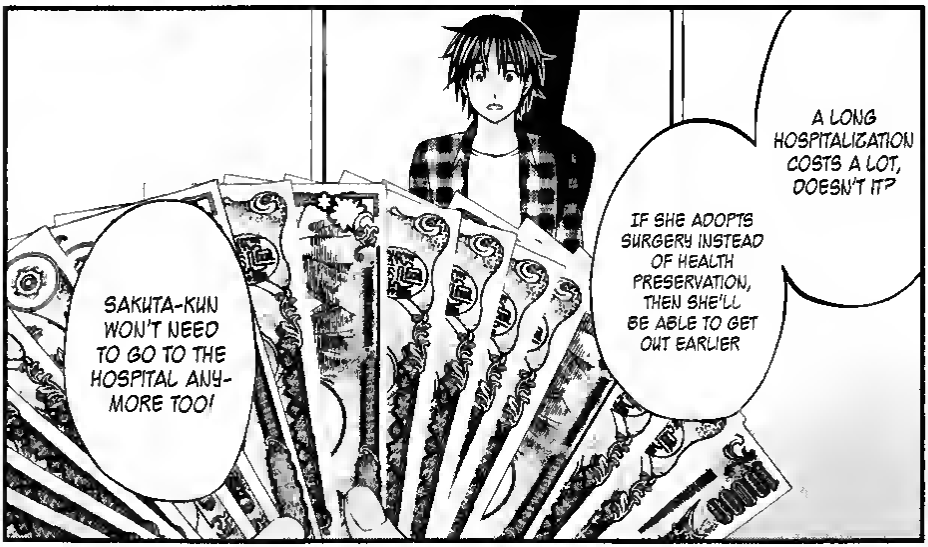
AYANO! YOU DIDN'T EAT YET, DID YOU!?
AH... I DID TEXT BEFORE-HAND.
SORRY! I DIDN'T CHECK.
IT'S ALRIGHT LET'S GO UP, SAKUTA-KUN!

DAD, SHUSH!
HUBBY, LOOK! WON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

He's not there.

I'M REALLY SORRY IT MUST'VE BEEN AWKWARD, RIGHT?
AYANO
AH... NO...
I'VE BEEN BUSY LATELY WITH WORK, AND COULDN'T CONTACT YOU..
BUT NOW, I'M FINE!

TADAH!
USE THIS FOR YOUR MOTHER'S SURGERY FEE!


A LONG HOSPITALIZATION COSTS A LOT, DOESN'T IT?
IF SHE ADOPTS SURGERY INSTEAD OF HEALTH PRESERVATION, THEN SHE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT EARLIER
SAKUTA-KUN WON'T NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL ANY-MORE TOO!

WHAT. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IF SHE GETS BETTER YOU WON'T HAVE TO GO SEE HER FOR HER TO GET BETTER, RIGHT?
THAT WAY, SAKUTA-KUN WILL BE FREE, AND WE CAN BE TOGETHER MORE...
MY MOM'S
DEAD.

HUH?
WE NEED TO BREAK UP.